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1. NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE STORMONT ANNOUNCED APPOINTMENT LORD CHIEF JUSTICE SIR ROBERT LYND ERSKINE LOWRY TO BE CHAIRMAN FORTHCOMING CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION FEB. 21. SIR ROBERT IS 56 WAS EDUCATED AT ROYAL BELFAST ACADEMICAL INSTITUTE AND CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY. HE BECAME MEMBER BAR NORTHERN IRELAND 1947, JUDGE OF HIGH COURT 1964 AND LORD CHIEF JUSTICE 1971.

2. INITIAL REACTIONS TO APPOINTMENT GENERALLY FAVORABLE. MODERATE POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS UNIONIST PARTY NORTHERN IRELAND AND ALLIANCE WELCOMED SELECTION. SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC AND LABOUR PARTY (SDLP) MORE RESERVED SINCE IT VIEWS SIR GOBERT AS "ESTABLISHMENT" FIGURE WHO UNLIKELY FAVOUR RADICAL STRUCTURAL REFORM SDLP VIEWS ESSENTIAL SPICER

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